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- 1. PRC AMBASSADOR'S EXCLUSION OF AMBASSADOR NEWSOM FROM LIST OF CHIEFS OF MISSIONS TO BE INVITED TO ROMULO AFFAIR HONORING PRC VICE PREMIER IS IN KEEPING WITH STANDARD PRC PRACTICE BASED ON THE ABSENCE OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND PRC. IN PEKING, US DIPLOMATS ARE NOT NORMALLY INCLUDED IN PROTOCOL DINNERS AND RECEPTIONS FOR FOREIGN GUESTS, AND PRC OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON ARE ALSO ROUTINELY EXCLUDED FROM SIMILAR DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS (PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA REPRESENTATIVES AT MANY OF THESE FUNCTIONS).
- 2. WHILE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO INVITE US CONFIDENTIAL

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REPRESENTATIVES TO FUNCTIONS IN HONOR OF PRC OFFICIALS IS FOR HOST GOVERNMENT TO MAKE, DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH INVITATIONS WHEN EXTENDED (PROVIDED, OF COURSE, THAT THERE ARE NO SPECIAL NEGATIVE LOCAL FACTORS). PHILIPPINE SLIPUP PRESUMABLY WAS A RESULT OF

UNFAMILIARITY WITH PRC PRACTICES, AND WE SEE NO NEED FOR

MATTER TO BECOME AN ISSUE IN US-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS OR IN
ANY FUTURE CONTACTS BETWEEN EMBASSY MANILA AND LOCAL PRC
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